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## **National Business Center's Aviation Management Directorate is a**

### **Committed Partner in the Anchorage, Alaska Aviation Safety Community**

WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior's National Business Center's (NBC) Aviation Management Directorate (AMD) is a pillar in Alaskan communities with their aviation safety awareness outreach program. Recently, the AMD has participated in multiple community outreach events in Anchorage, Alaska, to advocate aviation safety and bring awareness to the surrounding communities. Aviation safety awareness is vital to the Anchorage community since there are more pilots and planes per capita in Alaska than in any other state in the union. It is an integral part of the NBC's mission to serve the communities in which they have stewardship responsibilities. It is engrained in the AMD culture to support and address civic obligations which promote aviation safety awareness and education.



Above is a photograph of AMD's new airplane hanger in Lake Hood, Alaska

The NBC's AMD is committed to enhancing and expanding aviation safety training activities throughout the community and with the community's involvement. Aviation safety has a special meaning to Alaskans and is particularly crucial since their aviation accident rate is the highest in the nation. In support of this outreach, AMD co-sponsored and hosted The Annual Seaplane Seminar at their new Lake Hood hanger in Anchorage, Alaska on April 12, 2008. This event was attended by approximately 200 pilots and enthusiasts from the local area. The attendees listened to presentations ranging from River Operations and Human Factors to Personal Protective



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Equipment (PPE) and learned the safest techniques and procedures. Aviation PPE provides a higher level of safety preparedness and includes the use of helmets and fire retardant clothing. The use of this type aviation PPE is standard in DOI operations but not in general aviation.

NBC is responsible for and takes part in a multitude of other community activities such as, Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation telecasts. AMD's Harry Kieling, the Alaska Regional Office (AKRO) Regional Director, co-hosts weekly aviation safety programs titled "Hangar Flying". During one of Mr. Kieling's "Hangar Flying" broadcasts he interviewed AMD's Associate Director, Mark Bathrick regarding Aviation Safety and Operational Risk Assessment. On other broadcasts, he interviewed many Department of the Interior's pilots and aviation managers on relevant issues in the aviation community. Recently, AKRO participated for the first time in the Tenth Annual Alaska State Aviation conference in Anchorage, Alaska on May 3-4, 2008. The Conference was attended by over 21,000 aviation enthusiasts and provided the AMD an opportunity to *partner with the community in a statewide effort to reduce aviation accidents and improve aviation safety awareness*. The NBC's AMD continuously looks to educate and inform the public on aviation safety awareness to assist in supporting and protecting the nation's resources, heritage and people.



AMD Staff from left to right: John Pibbenow, Daryl Carson, Bud Walters, and Patrick Clark

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